

# Big January Clearance Sale

Great reductions on all surplus stocks of winter merchandise. The very goods you will need now, and at prices below the actual cost. Read carefully and check all articles you are interested in, bring in your list and let us show you that this is all good, clean merchandise that we are selling every day. We are overloaded and must have the room and the money for our new stocks of spring merchandise.

## 1/4 off on all New Coats

Ladies' Coats, all new models, a good assortment of Plush, Corduroy, etc., in Printzess, Jayesco and Laurel's, three of the leading makes in America, sold originally at from \$4.98 to \$35, now going at 1/4 off.

Ladies' coats, 1914 models, all full skirts, very little different from the new coats, \$15 to \$25 coats going at.....	<b>\$7.50</b>
\$10 and \$12 COATS \$5 Ladies' COATS, another lot, values up to \$18.50 to close at.....	<b>\$1.98</b>
Children's Coats, all 1/4 off. Children's Coats, special lot new coats,.....	<b>\$1.98</b>

## Big Reductions On Bed Blankets, Underwear, Rubberwear, Slippers.

An extra \$1 value, gray 89c \$1.19 value extra full 64x80, the best Blankets, to close at..... **98c**  
 Ladies' Dutch neck, sleeveless Union Suits, fine, medium weight garment, best \$1 value, regular and extra sizes, to close..... **79c**

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### ODD MEMORY TEST.

A Bit of Nonsense Literature Whose Author is Unknown.

There is an odd bit of composition that has figured in nonsense literature as follows:

"So she went into a garden to pick a cabbage leaf, to make an apple pie of, and a she bear, coming up the street, put her head into the shop and said, 'Do you sell any soap?' So she died, and he very imprudently married the barber, and the powder fell out of the counselor's wig, and poor Mrs. MacKay's puddings were quite entirely spoiled, and there were present the Garmelies and the Goblies and the Piekannies and the great Panjandrum himself, with the little round button at top, and they played at the ancient game of 'catch who catch can' till the gunpowder ran out of the heels of their boots."

The origin of the passage is obscure. Maria Edgeworth (1767-1849), quotes it in one of her stories, attributing it to Samuel Foote (1720-77). The British Quarterly Review said that Foote wrote it in order to test a certain lecturer who claimed that he could learn anything by rote on once hearing it.

Another account says that it was written by an actor named James Quinn (1683-1766) to puzzle Foote, with whom he had a wager that Foote could not memorize something that Quinn would write. Foote and Quinn both were noted actors in their day, and the nonsensical passage probably was the outgrowth of some convivial contest of wits between them.

It used to figure in school rhetorics to illustrate the difficulty of memorizing something that had no sense to it.

### COLORING METALS.

Almost Any Hue, Bright and Lasting. Quickly Imparted to Brass.

It has been found that metals may be colored quickly and cheaply by forming on their surface a coating of a thin film of a sulphide. In five minutes brass articles may be coated any color, varying from gold to copper red, then to carmine, dark red and from light aniline blue to a blue-white like sulphide of lead and at last a reddish white, according to the thickness of the coat, which depends on the length of time the metal remains in the solution used. The colors possess a very good luster, and if the articles to be colored have been previously thoroughly cleaned by means of acids and alkalis they adhere so firmly that they may be operated upon by the polishing steel.

To prepare the solution dissolve half an ounce of hyposulphide of soda in one pound of water and add half an ounce of acetate of lead dissolved in half a pound of water. When this clear solution is heated to from 190 to 200 degrees F. it decomposes slowly and precipitates sulphide of lead in brown flakes. If metal be now present a part of the sulphide of lead is deposited thereon, and according to the thickness of the deposited sulphide of lead the above colors are produced. To produce an even coloring the articles must be evenly heated. Iron heated with this solution takes a steel blue color and will retain the coloring unless some abrasive is used to remove it.—London Chronicle.

### The Penalty of Pride.

"When I was running a circus," said a retired showman, "I never lost an opportunity of advertising. I always made it a point to get my name everywhere, and whenever any one asked for my autograph you may be sure he got it. Once when I went to a little town a great string of boys and girls stood in a line waiting for a chance to get my autograph on the small cards they carried. I wrote them as fast as I could, thinking proudly, 'Felix, old boy, your name is getting to be a household word.' When I looked around the tent that afternoon I thought all the school children in the town were there. That meant money, and I was feeling pretty happy till I began looking over the receipts, and then I found over a hundred of my autographs with the words 'Admit bearer' written above them!"

### Hearing Keener Than Sight.

An Irishman, an Englishman and a Scotchman once went up into a tower to see which could see the farthest through a telescope. The Englishman, who looked first, said:

"Oh, Pat, I can see the minute hand of a clock four or five miles away."

"I can see the minute hand on the same clock moving," said the Scotchman.

Pat stood in amazement listening to his comrades. When he looked through he was seen to smile. Then—

"Faith, if I don't hear the same clock striking."—Kansas City Times.

### One of Those Friends.

"Wombat, I'm a friend of yours and I must tell you that today Flubdub was saying some very mean things about you."

"If you are a friend of mine why did you stand there and listen to him?"

"Well, I'm a friend of his too."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Assisting the Wicked to Flee.

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth," quoted the deacon to the minister.

"Yes," said the minister, who believed in muscular Christianity. "That is true, but they make much better time when somebody is after them."—Ladies' Home Journal.

### Laurel Leaves.

According to an old tradition, laurel communicates the spirit of poetry and prophecy. Hence the custom of putting laurel leaves under one's pillow to acquire inspiration.

### Asking a Beginning.

"Could you all lend me a grind stone?" asked Erastus Pinkley.

"Yes, but what do you want with a grindstone? You haven't any ax."

"No, ner I ain't got no wood to chop yit, ner no chicken an' corn bread to cook over de fire. But you got to do one thing at a time in dis life, an' I jes' natchelly had to stahst somewhere."—Washington Star.

### A Scenario Right There.

"The silent drama," said little sister, reading the dramatic notes. "What's the silent drama?"

"Aw," said brother, "that's when pa is sneaking in from the club at 2 a. m. in his stocking feet with his shoes in his hand and ma is waiting in the dark at the top of the stairs ready to whine him over the head with a curtain pole."—Judge.

### He Didn't Forget.

Harry Lauder on one occasion went up to Van Cortlandt park to play golf. He hired a caddy, who, hoping to get an extra tip, said his name was Sandy MacPherson. After going over the course Lauder paid the boy the exact fee to the penny.

"Didn't you forget somethin'?" asked the caddy.

"No," said Lauder; "I remember a caddy on the other side named MacPherson who works for half the money."—New York World.

### LITTLE DUTIES.

If you are discontented because your work in life seems of little importance remember that on little things well done many a greater work depends. The man who builds a lighthouse does a great work, but it would be of little use if the men who keep the lamp burning neglected their duty.

### Money.

It now appears that, after all, money itself, and not the love of it, is the root of all evil. Our debts, wars, diseases, crimes of all kinds, revolutions and poverty are all due to money. Why not, therefore, hasten the day of the great repudiation when all money shall be abolished?

Without money we should still be able to enjoy nature, fall in love, have friends and subsist grandly on the only kinds of nourishment that make for lasting comfort.—Life.

### Up to Wrong Ears.

"Is Jones up to his ears in debt?"

"Worse; it has come to other people's ears too."

Starting Something. Willis—I'm a ruined man. Today, when the family were all together, a man opened the door and threw in—Gills—A bomb? Willis—Worse than that, an automobile catalogue.—Exchange.

Outclassed. "Were you much impressed by the majestic roar of Niagara?" "I was at first, but later on, when my husband put up a roar about our hotel bill, Niagara sounded like a rippling brook."—Pittsburgh Press.

## JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

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